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Gaming Board releases sports wagering rules and applications

CHICAGO – The Illinois Gaming Board (“IGB”) released sports wagering applications and issued emergency rules that will allow the Board to begin the sports wagering licensing process. The phase 1 sports wagering rules govern applications, licensing, oversight, discipline, and related regulatory topics. These emergency rules establish the application procedures for the multiple types of sports wagering licenses created by the landmark gaming expansion statute (Public Act 101-31) enacted into law earlier this year. Specifically, these new rules will allow interested parties to apply for master sports wagering licenses, management service provider licenses, supplier licenses, tier 2 official league data supplier licenses, and occupational licenses. Additionally, the rules will guide the Board’s licensing process and allow the Board to issue temporary operating permits in situations that do not compromise gaming integrity or public safety and that can be granted in an ethical and expeditious manner.

“Today’s release of applications and phase 1 rules is a significant step in the process the General Assembly and Governor Pritzker began earlier this year – the ethical and transparent implementation of sports wagering in Illinois,” said Illinois Gaming Board Administrator Marcus Fruchter. The IGB conducted a robust 30 day public comment period in August and September that allowed stakeholders and the public to submit proposed rules to the IGB. “IGB staff used responses from the comment period to inform the rules and also derived best practices from states where sports wagering is already being conducted in order to develop a regulatory framework and implementation process that are right for Illinois and will protect the public interest.”

These rules and applications will allow for an expedited licensure process. Board staff is in the process of drafting the necessary rules governing the operation of sports wagering at authorized locations. The Board anticipates issuing these operational rules early next year. Sports wagering applications and the emergency phase 1 sports wagering rules can be found on the Illinois Gaming Board’s website.

Public Act 31-101 legalized sports wagering for the first time in Illinois history, granted six new Illinois casino licenses, authorized up to four horseracing tracks in the State to obtain casino licenses, significantly expanded video gaming across the State, and allowed video gaming at the Illinois State Fair and Du Quoin State Fair. The IGB is the State agency charged with the responsibility of administering, regulating, and enforcing the systems of casino gambling, video gaming and sports wagering in Illinois.